

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

LEGACY HOST SYSTEM HOT LINK MODELING AND NAVIGATION

A method and apparatus for navigating screens in a legacy host system. In a preferred embodiment, requests for specific legacy host screens are received by a server. The server then navigates to the appropriate screen within the legacy host system and retrieves the host screen. Any intermediate screens navigated by the server in reaching the host screen are not displayed to the user. If variable data need be entered to access the host screen, the server sends the user a submittable form on which to enter the appropriate information, which, once entered and sent to the server, is used by the server to retrieve the host screen. Once the host screen has been retrieved, the server formats it into a web page format using a hypertext language and sends the screen to the user. Other screens within the legacy host system are accessed by user selection of selectable links displayed to the user.